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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the **UTILITY** patent application of:

Inventor(s): Hideyuki NAITO et al.

Title: APPARATUS FOR BINDING BOOT TO BASE PLATE FOR SNOWBOARD

- ☒ 25 pages of written description, claims and abstract.  
☒ 13 sheet(s) of formal drawings.  
☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and documents)  
☐ Certified Copy of Priority Documents  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement  
☒ Return Postcard Receipt  
☒ Preliminary Amendment

- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission including:  
☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF) Specification Sequence Listing on:  
☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2) copies); or  
☐ paper  
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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	15 - 20 =	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	0
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#### SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 385.00
x 9	\$
x 43	\$
+ 145	\$
TOTAL	\$

OR  
OR  
OR  
OR  
OR

#### OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 770.00
x 18	\$
x 86	\$
+ 290	\$
TOTAL	\$ 770.00

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☒ One check ☐ two checks in the amount of \$ 770.00 to cover the filing fee and ☐ assignment recordation is (are) enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit our Deposit Account No. 22-0256 as described below. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.  
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